

milk and increasing the general demand for fluid milk products.

§ 1160.112 Research.

Research means market research to support advertising and promotion efforts, including educational activities, research directed to product characteristics, and product development, including new products or improved technology in production, manufacturing or processing of milk and the products of milk.

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§ 1160.113 Fiscal period.

Fiscal period means the initial period of up to 30 months that this subpart is effective. Thereafter, the fiscal period shall be such annual period as the Board may determine, except that the Board may provide for a lesser or greater period as it may find appropriate for the period immediately after the initial fiscal period to assure continuity of fiscal periods until the beginning of the first annual fiscal period.

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§ 1160.114 Eligible organization.

Eligible organization means an organization eligible to nominate members of the Board and which meets the following criteria:

(a) Is a nonprofit organization pursuant to section 501(c) (3), (5), or (6) of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. 501(c) (3), (5), or (6));

(b) Is governed by a board comprised of a majority of fluid milk processors; and

(c) Represents fluid milk processors on a national basis whose members process more than 50 percent of the fluid milk products processed and marketed within the United States.

§ 1160.115 Milk marketing area.

Milk marketing area means each area within which milk being marketed is subject to a milk marketing order issued pursuant to the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 601-674, or applicable state laws.

§ 1160.116 [Reserved]

§ 1160.117 Continuation referendum.

Continuation referendum means that referendum among fluid milk processors that the Secretary shall conduct as provided in § 1160.501.

NATIONAL FLUID MILK PROCESSOR
PROMOTION BOARD

§ 1160.200 Establishment and membership.

(a) There is hereby established a National Fluid Milk Processor Board of 20 members, 15 of whom shall represent geographic regions and five of whom shall be at-large members of the Board. To the extent practicable, members representing geographic regions shall represent fluid milk processing operations of differing sizes. No fluid milk processor shall be represented on the Board by more than three members. The at-large members shall include at least three fluid milk processors and at least one member from the general public. Except for the member or members from the general public, nominees appointed to the Board must be active owners or employees of a fluid milk processor. The failure of such a member to own or work for a fluid milk processor or its successor fluid milk processor shall disqualify that member for membership on the Board except that such member shall continue to serve on the Board for a period of up to six months following the disqualification or until appointment of a successor Board member to such position, whichever is sooner, provided that such person continues to meet the criteria for serving on the Board as a processor representative.

(b) In selecting the 15 Board members who represent geographic regions, one member shall be selected from each of the following regions:

Region 1. Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Region 2. New York and New Jersey.

Region 3. Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

Region 4. Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Region 5. Florida.

Region 6. Ohio and West Virginia.

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Region 7. Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Region 8. Illinois and Indiana.

Region 9. Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee.

Region 10. Texas.

Region 11. Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

Region 12. Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, and Utah.

Region 13. Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming.

Region 14. Northern California which shall be composed of the Northern California Marketing Area and the South Valley Marketing Area as defined by the Stabilization and Marketing Plan, as amended, issued by the California Department of Food and Agriculture pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2, Part 3, Division 21, of the California Food and Agriculture Code, effective February 3, 1992.

Region 15. Southern California which shall be composed of the Southern California Marketing Area as defined by the Stabilization and Marketing Plan, as amended, issued by the California Department of Food and Agriculture pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2, Part 3, Division 21, of the California Food and Agriculture Code, effective February 3, 1992.

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§ 1160.201 Term of office.

(a) The members of the Board shall serve for terms of three years, except that the members appointed to the initial Board shall serve proportionately, for terms of one year, two years, and three years, as determined by the Secretary. The terms of all Board members shall expire upon the suspension or termination of the order except as provided in § 1160.502.

(b) No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms, except that any member who is appointed to serve for an initial term of one or two years shall be eligible to be reappointed for two three-year terms. Appointment to another position on the Board is considered a consecutive term. Should a non-board member be appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board with a term of 18 months or less remaining, the appointee shall be entitled to serve two consecutive 3-year terms following the

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term of the vacant position to which the person was appointed.

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§ 1160.202 Nominations.

Nominations for members of the Board shall be made in the following manner:

(a) The Secretary shall solicit nominations for the initial Board from individual fluid milk processors and other interested parties, including eligible organizations. Fluid milk processors and other interested parties may submit nominations for positions on the Board for regions in which they are located or market fluid milk, and for at-large members. Eligible organizations may submit a slate of nominees for seats in all regions and for at-large members.

(b) After the appointment of the initial Board, the Secretary shall announce at least 180 days in advance of the expiration of members' terms that such terms are expiring, and shall solicit nominations for such positions in the manner described in paragraph (a) of this section. Nominations for such positions should be submitted to the Secretary not less than 120 days prior to the expiration of members' terms.

§ 1160.203 Nominee's agreement to serve.

Each nominee for Board membership must file with the Secretary at the time of nomination a written agreement to serve on the Board if appointed.

§ 1160.204 Appointment.

From the nominations made pursuant to § 1160.202, the Secretary shall appoint the members of the Board on the basis of representation provided for in §§ 1160.200 and 1160.201.

§ 1160.205 Vacancies.

To fill any vacancy occasioned by the death, removal, resignation, or disqualification of any member of the Board, the Secretary shall appoint a successor from the most recent list of nominations made by individual fluid milk processors and other interested